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SUBJ: US INTENT TO PREFINANCE PHYSICAL PROTECTION WORKS AT
SEVEN AIRFIELDS

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SUMMARY: AT ITS MEETING ON 27 FEB 75 INFRASTRUCTURE PAYMENTS
AND PROGRESS COMMITTEE NOTED US STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PREFINANCE
PHYSICAL PROTECTION WORKS AT SEVEN NATO AIRFIELDS. SHAPE
AND INTERNATIONAL STAFF ISSUED STRONG WARNING S CONCERNING POSSIBLE
REQUIREMENT FOR NATIONAL COST-SHARING WHEN FULL DETAILS FINALLY
EVALUATED. END SUMMARY.

1. AT ITS MEETING ON 27 FEB 75, THE INFRASTRUCTURE PAYMENTS AND
PROGRESS (P&P) COMMITTEE CONSIDERED THE US INTENT TO PREFINANCE
(REF) COVERING PHYSICAL PROTECTION WORKS AT SPANGDAHLEM,
LAHR, JEVER, GILZE-RIJEN, SOESTERBERG, AVIANO AND INCIRLIK
AIRFIELDS.

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2. SHAPE COMMENTS (COL GREENBAUM), IN ADDITION TO NORMAL WARNING
TO EFFECT THAT THESE WORKS WERE NOT YET IN AN APPROVED INFRASTR-
UCTURE SLICE, COVERED THREE OTHER POINTS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE.

A. SHAPE UNDERSTANDS THAT THE 3RD GENERATION SHELTER WILL BE

BUILT, BUT NOTES THAT THIS DESIGN IS NOT YET FINALLY APPROVED BY SHAPE.

B. THE REQUIRED STORAGE CAPACITY FOR LOX, POL AND AMMUNITION CANNOT BE ASSESSED SINCE THE TYPE OF AIRCRAFT DEPLOYED TO THE AIRFIELDS CONCERNED AND THE ASSIGNED MINIMUM ARE NOT IDENTIFIABLE FROM THE DPQ IN ALL CASES, AND STOCKPILE PLANNING FIGURES ARE NOT YET AVAILABLE IN SHAPE FOR THE NEW TYPES OF AIRCRAFT.

C. SITE PLANS HAVE NOT BEEN SCREENED AND APPROVED BY SHAPE FOR THE AIRFIELDS AT JEVER, GILZE-RIJEN, SOESTERBERG, INCIRLIK AND AVIANO. ALTHOUGH GENERAL ARRANGEMENT PLANS SHOWING PROPOSED SITING OF THE AIRCRAFT SHELTERS AT ALHR AND SPANGDAHLEM HAVE BEEN APPROVED, SUFFICIENT DETAIL IS NOT YET AVAILABLE TO SHAPE TO ALLOW COMMENT ON THE AREAS OF PAVEMENT PROPOSED FOR UPGRADING OR CONSTRUCTION. END OF QUOTE. CLEAR IMPLICATION OF SHAPE STATEMENT IS THAT UNTIL FULL DETAILS ARE FINALLY EVALUATED, SHAPE CANNOT ASSURE US THAT SHAPE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE 100 PCT SUPPORT FOR WORKS AS ACCOMPLISHED.

3. NATO INTERNATIONAL STAFF (NIS) COMMENTS INVOLVED THREE POINTS:

A. CURRENT DEPLOYMENT OF AIRCRAFT ACTUALLY REQUIRES THE THIRD GENERATION SHELTER SIZE ONLY AT THREE AIRFIELDS, AND CURRENT DEPLOYED AIRCRAFT AT REMAINING FOUR AIRFIELDS COULD BE ACCOMMODATED WITH SIMPLE MODIFICATION OF TAB VEE DESIGN. THUS US IS PLANNING CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY ONLY FOR FUTURE CONTINGENCIES. NIS VIEWS THIS WITH CAUTION AND NOTES POSSIBILITY THAT IF FULL SHAPE SUPPORT FOR THIS REQUIREMENT FOR FLEXIBILITY IS NOT FORTHCOMING, SOME COSTSHARING MAY RESULT.

B. CURRENT DESIGN CALLS FOR SHELTER WHICH PROVIDES 13-15 METER LENGTH BEYOND AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE DISTANCE. NIS FEELS THERE IS A NEED TO AGREE ON THE QUESTION OF LENGTH BEFORE CONSTRUCTION IS UNDERTAKEN. FAILING SUCH AGREEMENT, US MAY HAVE TO UNDERTAKE SOME COST-SHARING.

C. CURRENT PROBLEMS IN OBTAINING AFCEAT AGREEMENT FOR SITE PLANS FOR NETHERLANDS' BASES INCLUDE ALLEGED INCOMPLETE UTILIZATION OF EXISTING FACILITIES. IF THIS CANNOT BE FULLY RESOLVED WITH MILITARY AUTHORITIES US MAY HAVE TO UNDERTAKE SOME COST SHARING.

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4. US REP (CROSSMAN) EMPHASIZED THAT US IS MAKING INTENSIVE EFFORT TO COORDINATE THIS PROGRAM WITH BOTH NIS AND NAOT MILITARY AUTHORITIES, AND EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT THIS EFFORT WOULD FULLY RESOLVE ALL OF ABOVE POINTS.

5. US REP PRESENTED AND OBTAINED COMMITTEE AGREEMENT TO THE FOLLOWING MODIFICATIONS TO THE REF NOTE:

A. INCLUSION IN PARA 3B OF 28 SQ. METERS OF LOX STORAGE AT GILZERIJEN.

B. LIMITATION OF FIVE WEEKS FOR BID SUBMISSION OR UNDERSTANDING THAT BIDDERS COULD REQUEST EXTENSION OF TIME IF REQUIRED AND THAT HOST NATIONS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY GRANT AS PROVIDED FOR IN AC/4-D/2261. NETHERLANDS REP NOTED THAT NOTICE OF

INTENT TO CALL FOR BIDS FOR SOESTERBERG INDICATED NETHERLANDS
WOULD ALLOW SIX WEEKS BUT HOPED THIS WOULD NOT CAUSE A PROBLEM.

6. GERMANY COULD NOT REPEAT NOT AGREE TO US REQUEST FOR
EXEMPTION TO INT'L COMPETITIVE BIDDING (ICB) FOR AVIANO AND
INCIRLIK. COMMITTEE AGREED INSTEAD TO INVITE NATIONS TO SUBMIT
NAMES OF INTERESTED FIRMS TO HOST NATION DELEGATIONS, WITH COPY
TO US NATO, WITHIN THREE WEEKS, I.E. BY 20 MARCH 1975. FAILING
SUBMISSION OF ANY NAMES BY THAT DATE, ITALY AND TURKEY WILL
HAVE EXEMPTION FROM ICB REQUIREMENT WITH PROVISIO THAT THEY WILL
UTILIZE COMPETITIVE BIDDING WITHIN THE HOST NATION AREA TO MAINTAIN
COMPETITIVE PRESSURE ON PRICING. THE COMMITTEE NOTED ITALY'S
INTENTION TO INVITE THE MEDITERRANEAN DIVISION ENGINEERS TO CARRY
OUT THE CONTRACTING FOR AVIANO. TURKEY HAD ADVISED THE US PRIOR
TO MEETING THAT TURKISH AUTHORITIES STILL HAD THE US REQUEST
TO UTILIZE MED DIV ENGINEERS FOR INCIRLIK UNDER REVIEW AND COULD
GIVE NO INDICATION AS TO WHEN THEY COULD PROVIDE AN ANSWER.
US REP ACCORDINGLY SIMPLY NOTED TO COMMITTEE THAT DISCUSSIONS
ON THIS POINT WERE UNDER WAY.

7. GERMANY OBTAINED COMMITTEE AGREEMENT TO PROPOSAL THAT HOST
NATIONS ALLOW BIDDING FIRMS TO QUOTE STEEL LINERS FROM THEIR OWN
SOURCES IF THEY SO DESIRED. COMMITTEE ALSO NOTED PRIOR AGREEMENT
THAT 3 MM STEEL WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO MEET THE MILITARY AND
TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS, IN LIEU OF US STANDARD 3.2 MM, AND REAFFIRMED
THAT THIS WOULD APPLY HERE AS WELL.

8. FINALLY COMMITTEE NOTED GERMAN COMMENTS ON TWO FURTHER ITEMS:
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A. IN PREVIOUS PROGRAMS GERMANY HAD EXPERIENCED DIFFICULTIES
IN TAKING STEEL LINERS FROM STOCK IN THAT BOLT HOLES DID NOT
MATCH. THIS REQUIRED EXTRA WORK AND EXPENSE TO SUITABLY MODIFY
THE PANELS TO MAKE THEM USUABLE.

B. SINCE THE LINERS WERE TO BE USED TO SUPPORT THE CONCRETE
WHEN POURED, THE GERMAN AUTHORITIES WOULD HAVE TO CERTIFY THEIR
STATIC STRENGTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH GERMAN REGULATIONS.

9. ON THIS BASIS THE COMMITTEE NOTED THE US STATEMENT OF INTENT
TO REFINANCE (AT REF) AND COMMENTS MADE IN DISCUSSION, AND AGREED
TO THE ARRANGEMENTS CONCERNING BIDDING PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED ABOVE.
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